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TO AMBASSADORS - KIGALI AND - BUJUMBURA AND CHARGE - KINSHAS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL INFORMAL

1. FOLLOWING IS THE AUGUST 29 RWANDA AND BURUNDI SITREP.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

RWANDA

SECURITY SITUATION

(C) ONLY 131 REFUGEES VOLUNTARILY ENTERED RWANDA FROM
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ZAIRE ON AUG. 28. ZAIRIAN OFFICIALS ARE UNCLASSIFIED. THE VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION MUST EMPTY ZAIRE OF RWANDANS BY DEC. 31, OR THEY WILL RESUME REFOULEMENT. THERE WERE MINE AND GRENADE ATTACKS IN GOMA TOWN, APPARENTLY DIRECTED AT ZAIRIANS BY THE EX-FAR.

DIPLOMATIC/POLITICAL

(C) THE PRIME MINISTER AND FOUR MINISTERS HAVE NOW TENDERED THEIR RESIGNATIONS. THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE JUSTICE AND INTERIOR MINISTERS WERE NOT UNEXPECTED, AS THEY ARE RUMORED TO BE TARGETS OF THE NO-CONFIDENCE VOTE. THE INFORMATION MINISTER IS RUMORED TO HAVE RESIGNED OUT OF LOYALTY TO THE OUTGOING PM, WHILE THE TRANSPORTATION MINISTER IS A TUTSI. AMB. RAWSON WILL MEET WITH VICE PRESIDENT KAGAME AUGUST 30 TO EXPRESS CONCERN AND SEEK ASSURANCES THAT THE NEW CABINET WILL PURSUE REPATRIATION, RECONCILIATION AND PRISON REFORM. DUTCH MINISTER PRONK ASKED SPECIAL COORDINATOR RICHARD BOGOSIAN TO MAKE A JOINT DEMARCHE WITH HIM IN KIGALI ON SEPT. 5 OR 6.

BURUNDI

SECURITY: INTERNAL, BORDER,

(C) THE ARMY REPORTEDLY KILLED BETWEEN 30 AND 50 HUTU CIVILIANS 1 KM FROM BUJUMBURA ON AUGUST 28. FOUR BODIES WERE DISPLAYED AT A HUTU POLITICIAN'S HOUSE IN THE CAPITAL. THERE ARE PRESS REPORTS THAT 13 WERE KILLED IN THE NORTHERN TOWNS OF KAYANZA AND MURATA ON AUGUST 26.

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ACCORDING TO A WESTERN OBSERVER, ARMED CLASHES BROKE OUT IN THE KAMENGE SUBURB OF BUJUMBURA AT MID-DAY ON AUGUST 29.

DIPLOMATIC/POLITICAL

(C) THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL APPROVED A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY FOR BURUNDI BY A 15-0 VOTE DURING THE EVENING OF AUG. 28.

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(U) PM KENGO MET WITH UN HIGH COMMISSIONER MRS. OGATA IN GENEVA TODAY. IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING THE MEETING, HE SAID THE GOZ HAD AGREED TO UNHCR'S REQUEST TO SUSPEND REFOULEMENT UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 1995, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT UNHCR WILL ARRANGE THE DEPARTURE OF ALL THE REFUGEES BY THAT DATE. MRS. OGATA NOTED THAT THIS DEADLINE IS UNREALISTIC, BUT SAID UNHCR WOULD DO WHAT IT COULD TO MEET IT.

(U) KENGO STATED THAT THE GOZ DECISION TO PUT OUT THE REFUGEES IS BASED ON CONSENSUS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT, THE TRANSITIONAL PARLIAMENT, AND PRESIDENT MOBUTU.

(U) THE GOZ EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT THE FALL OF THE RWANDAN PRIME MINISTER AND MEMBERS OF HIS CABINET, THE ONLY MODERATES IN THE GR, AND THOSE WITH WHOM THE GOZ HAD NEGOTIATED DELICATE BORDER ISSUES AND THE TRIPARTITE REPATRIATION AGREEMENT WITH UNHCR.

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(SBU) MRS. OGATA WILL NOW TRAVEL TO KIGALI, BUJUMBURA, DAR ES SALAAM, BUKAVU, GOMA, GBADOLITE, AND KINSHASA, RETURNING TO GENEVA ON SEPTEMBER 7.

(SBU) THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN, RESPONDING TO A REQUEST FROM MRS. OGATA, HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE 20 MILLION TO UNHCR FOR SUPPORT TO REFUGEES. THEY WILL ALSO FUND "SEVERAL" INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS IN EASTERN ZAIRE, WITH EACH PROJECT NOT TO EXCEED 100,000. JAPAN WILL ASK THE GOZ FOR SUGGESTED PROJECTS.

END TEXT.
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